

Figure IV-3
County Conservation Staff Positions Supported by State Funding: 1997-2012

Source: Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Association and DATCP

^{*} Full time equivalent (FTE) target number is based on s.92.14(6)(b) Wis. Stats, which reads: "...the department shall attempt to provide funding under this section for an average of 3 staff persons per county ..." [at a 11/70/50 % cost-share rate]. For three staff, this adds up to 2.2 FTE per county X 72 counties = 158.4 FTE. Conservation staff numbers are derived from DATCP reports and historical county surveys. The 2012 number reflects a \$1.1 million lapse plus \$1 million cut approved in the 2011-2013 state budget (\$0.5 million/yr.), and average county FTE salary & benefit cost reported by DATCP.